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In Application of:

DUBIN et al.

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STRUCTURES**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 8, 2008 (hereinafter "Office Action"). In this Office Action, claims 1-8 and 21-24 were pending. Claims 1-8 and 21-24 were rejected. Claims 1, 2, 21, and 22 have been amended. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the amendments and remarks to follow.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.